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Title: TANK INSERT AND PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

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The enclosed references were cited in a German Office Action (copy enclosed) from the German Patent Office concerning counterpart German Application No. 199 43 673.8-25.

U.S. Patent No. 4,919,855 is the U.S. counterpart of European Patent Application No. 0 305 660 A2.

German Patent No. 195 35 413 C1 refers to a tube like connecting piece to be attached to the opening of a receptacle made from thermoplastic resin. The receptacle is made from high density polyethylene and is made by injection molding of three co-molded parts. The connecting piece is welded to the receptacle which is produced by

blow molding.

German Patent No. 42 29 717 C2 also discloses a receptacle, in particular a fuel tank, blow molded from high density polyethylene, which has an opening connected to an external conduit, which has been produced by extrusion from the same material as the fuel tank. The tube forming the conduit is welded to the outside of the tank with flange 7, which can be seen from Fig. 2 of the citation.

German Patent No. 37 17 192 C2 discloses a fuel tank blow molded from thermoplastic material, which has two compartments communicating with each other. One of the compartments is the main compartment, the other one is a smaller collecting compartment. Both compartments are divided by one welding seam, which has been formed by closing the molds of the blow molding tool during the forming process of the tank.

EP 0 930 190 A2, also cited in the German Office Action was previously provided in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 15, 2003, and is therefore not being cited again.

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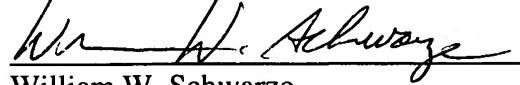
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